

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEARING AUTOMOBILE CONTRACTS****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A system, method, means, apparatus, and computer program code for clearing an automobile contract where a dealer has or will be providing financing to a purchaser of the automobile. According to embodiments of the present invention, one or more contract parameters for sale of an automobile are established or otherwise determined. Once at least one contract parameter is determined or established, a dealer or another 10 party on behalf of the dealer, may auction the contract among one or more lenders. A lender may be notified of a contract available via auction by receiving a communication (e.g., email message, telephone call) regarding the contract. Once a winning bid for a contract is determined, the dealer or party conducting the auction may notify the winning lender, automobile purchaser, etc. Also, a dealer may sell the contract to the lender in 15 accordance with the lender's winning bid.